

# Notable officers

Over 160 years, a long line of distinguished Army general officers has served in Vancouver. The names of three of the most notable adorn three of the refurbished houses on Officers Row.



**George C. Marshall**

As Army chief of staff during World War II, Marshall deployed more than 8 million soldiers. Marshall resigned from the Army in November 1945, but he later served as the secretary of state who formulated the "Marshall Plan" to rebuild war-torn Europe.

**Vancouver connection:** Served as Vancouver Barracks commanding officer from 1936 to 1938.



**O.O. Howard**

After battling the Confederacy as a Union commander in the Civil War, Oliver Otis Howard was appointed commissioner of the newly created Board of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. The board may have been best known for establishing Howard University in Washington, D.C., to train black lawyers, doctors, dentists and teachers.

**Vancouver connection:** Howard was given command of the Department of the Columbia headquartered at Vancouver Barracks in 1874 and served through the Nez Perce campaign, until 1880.



**Ulysses S. Grant**

A Civil War hero who went on to become the 18th president of the United States, Grant served as quartermaster at Fort Vancouver from 1852 to 1853.

**Vancouver connection:** Even though the Grant House, which now houses a restaurant, was constructed as the base commander's quarters two years before the young soldier's tenure in Vancouver, Grant himself never lived in it.